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Judge's Corner



February is our shortest month, but it is filled with popular days such as Groundhog's Day, President's Day and Valentine's

Day.

February also serves as "Black History Month". The official month for recognition of the important contributions of individuals of African descent.

While maintaining our heavy schedule during this compact month, I'm pleased to say the Court Trauma Audit Subcommittee has been established and the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges' Trauma Audit team recently completed its initial audit which included a Court tour, interviews with Court staff and strategic planning with the Court Trauma Audit Subcommittee.

As you know, becoming a trauma informed Court is one of our three goals for 2016. I look forward to reviewing the findings and recommendations of the visit.

We also continued our community outreach by attending the University of Memphis Law School's Annual Public Interest Fair. Community outreach is an

essential part of informing the public and gaining their trust.

You are a vital member of this team and your safety is important. I encourage you to participate in the self defense seminar that will be held at the Court on Wednesday, March 2nd. As the date draws nearer, additional details will be provided via email.

Keep up the great work!

"If I can sit down for freedom, you can stand up for children."

Motivational Moment submitted by Candace Hamlin, Clinical Services.



- "I got my start by giving myself a start." Madam C.J. Walker
- "Turn your wounds into wisdom." Oprah Winfrey
- "Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced." James Baldwin
- "Black History Month is a time to pay homage to our great ancestors, their lifelong struggles and influence on the liberties we have obtained." Olinda Ricard
- "The African American experience is one of the most important threads in the American Tapestry." **Bill First**
- "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Malcolm X
- "You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas." Shirley Chisholm
- "We are not makers of history. We are made by history." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- "The Black skin is not a badge of shame, but rather a glorious symbol of national greatness."

Marcus Garvey

"The more you know of your history, the more liberated you are." Maya Angelou

Quotes submitted by Candace Hamlin, Clinical Services. ------

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Retirement Ceremony for Honorable Larry K. Scroggs (January 22, 2016)



Ceremony Guests



Court Director Gary Cummings



CAO Pam Skelton



Judge Dan H. Michael



Honorable Mark White, TN Representative and Honorable Larry Scroggs



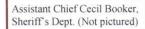
Honorable Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. Shelby County Government Mayor



County Commissioner Mark Billingsley, District 4



Judge Michael, Larry Scroggs





Judge Michael dedicated the Court's main lobby as "The Honorable Larry K. Scroggs Grand Hall".



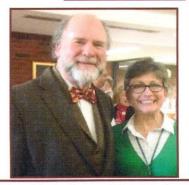
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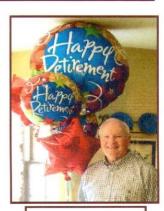
Central High School Orchestra



Judge Michael with Central High School Orchestra.



Judge Michael with Central High School Orchestra Director, Pam Wilensky.



Honorable Larry Scroggs

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Happy Retirement, Jacqueline!



Jacqueline Miller (Children's Bureau) retired after 25+ years of service.



Jacqueline Miller received a Years of Service certificate and plaque from Judge Michael.



Court Services Director Gary Cummings, Michael Blancett, Barry Mitchell, *Jacqueline Miller* (Children's Bureau), Judge Michael, Erica Glynn (Children's Bureau), CAO Pam Skelton, Mamie Jones (Children's Bureau)



Congratulations, Magistrate Carlyn Addison!



On February 12, 2016, *Carlyn Addison* was sworn in as our newest Juvenile Magistrate. She served with great distinction in the Environmental Court as a Referee under The Honorable Judge Larry Potter. *Magistrate Addison* has joined our team as a distinguished member of the judiciary and we are excited to have her on our team.







TV Coverage



April Thompson of News Channel 3 was approved to cover the **Youth Court Program** in action on February 4, 2016. The interview included *Avis Lamar*, program participants and attorney volunteers. The report is entitled "*Juvenile Youth Court Gives Teens a Second Chance*". You may view the interview via this link:

wreg.com/2016/02/15/juvenile-youth-court-gives-teens-a-second-chance/

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Congratulations, Cameron Brown!





Cameron Brown, tenor saxophone, represented Soulsville Charter School and Stax Music Academy in the 2016 All West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra in Jackson, TN on January 16, 2016. *Cameron* won third chair in the Jazz Band Competition. *Cameron* is in the 11th grade at Soulsville.

Cameron is the son of Jennifer Brown, Children's Bureau.

Cameron Brown



Great Job, Jaden Joshua!





In recognition of Black History Month, *Jaden Joshua* was asked to interview and write a book on someone in his community that lives out the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. by serving in both big and small ways. *Jaden* chose to interview and write his book on Tennessee State Representative Antonio Parkinson, who is very active in the district he represents. *Jaden* interviewed Representative Parkinson in his Raleigh office. *Jaden* is an honor student at New Hope Christian Academy.

Jaden is the son of Wilfred (Shelby County Fire Department) and Yolanda Joshua (Judge's Action Center).

Representative Parkinson and Jaden Joshua

Recipe: Pasta & Vegetable Salad

Ingredients:

1/2 lb of your favorite pasta, 1 envelope zesty garlic and herbs salad dressing mix, 1/3 cup vegetable oil, 1/4 cup water, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1 package (16 ounces) of frozen mixed vegetables (thawed), 2 green onions (sliced), 3 tbsp. grated Parmesan or Romano cheese.

Directions:

 Prepare pasta according to package directions; drain and cool.

Directions (continued):

- 2. In a small covered jar or container, shake well dressing mix, oil, water and vinegar.
- 3. In a large serving bowl, place pasta, vegetables and green onions.
- 4. Add dressing and cheese, toss to coat.
- 5. Refrigerate until serving. Serves six.

^{*} Vegetables may be cooked according to package directions.





"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."

Alan Watts

Motivational Moment submitted by Yvonne James, Clerk's Office.

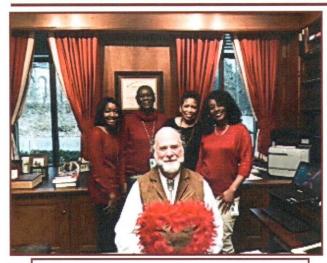
February Anniversary Dates

Children's Bureau:	Youth Services Bureau:	Administrative Services:
Judith Hampton, 26 years	Rita Hall, 11 years	Dini Malone, 26 years
Yolanda Ambrose, 22 years		George Burse, 8 years
Lakeisa Martin, 21 years		Jacqueline Macklin, 8 years
Martha Rogers, 19 years	Judicial:	
Lakita Williams, 11 years	Debra Sanders, 13 years	Child Support:
Belynda Dwyer, 10 years	Nancy Kessler, 12 years	Jonathan Smith, 16 years

Happy

Thank you for your hard work and dedicated service!

Go Red for Women Day (February 5, 2016)



Jasmine Newsom, Wyvonne Galloway, Judge Dan Michael, Magistrate Felicia Hogan, Kim Nelson (Judicial)



Dr. Demetria Banks, Wyvonne Galloway, Kim Nelson, Judge Dan Michael, Magistrate Felicia Hogan, Jasmine Newsom (Judicial)

"You can't lead the people, if you don't love the people. You can't save the people, if you don't serve the people." Dr. Cornell West

Motivational Moment submitted by Patriece Minner, Children's Bureau.



Congratulations



Hope Academy celebrated its 6th year at Juvenile Court on February 8th.



Judge Dan Michael, Chief Magistrate Garland Erguden, CAO Pam Skelton, Hope Academy Principal Mike Smith



Hope Academy staff

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24 Hour Child Support Bond Payment

Shelby County General Sessions Clerk, Edward L. Stanton, Jr. and Juvenile Court Clerk, Joy Touliatos joined together last fall to collaborate to assist citizens of Shelby County, particularly customers of Juvenile Court, who may have encountered difficulty posting bonds between the hours of 4pm and 7am weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Because the General Sessions Court Clerk's Office has a 24 Hour Clerk's Office that accepts bonds for local defendants as well as other municipalities, Ms. Touliatos called on colleague and former coworker Edward L. Stanton, Jr. to form a partnership that would mitigate any risks associated with their current reorganization which is still underway.

The benefits of this partnership include: allowing citizens the option to wait to post bonds directly at Juvenile Court during the regular business hours of 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday or at the General Sessions 24 Hour Clerk's Office from 4pm to 7am weekdays and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This partnership resulted in additional services provided to citizens without increasing cost.

Since inception, September 1, 2015, General Sessions has taken over \$217,000 in payments with a customer average of thirty-six (36) monthly and the numbers are expected to rise during this tax season and once the public becomes more aware of their options.

"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."

Confucius

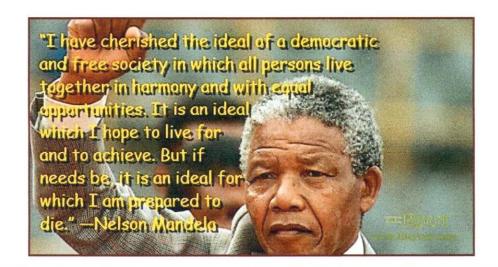
Motivational Moment submitted by Chantay Porter-Knox, Clerk's Office.



Taste Test



Soon, the Court cafeteria will reopen for lunch daily 12pm-1pm under the management of Aramark. You are invited to a "Taste Test" presented by Aramark **today**, 12pm-1:15pm in the Juvenile Court Dining Room. Please make plans to attend this event.



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